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DIEGO ELIAS & HABIBA MOHAMED CROWNED WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

The 2014 WSF World Junior Individual Championships came to a resounding climax at the Wanderers Sports Club in the Namibian capital Windhoek when 15-year-old Egyptian Habiba Mohamed Ahmed (*below*) claimed



her third upset in as many days to become the second youngest ever winner of the women's title, and Diego Elias made history by winning the men's trophy to become Peru's first ever World Squash Champion.

Elias, the 17-year-old top seed

from Lima, brushed aside surprise final opponent Omar Elatmas, a 9/12 seed from Egypt, 11-3, 11-2, 11-1 in 31 minutes to win the men's title without dropping a game - the first player to achieve this feat since England's former world No1 James Willstrop in 2002.

"This is a wonderful victory," admitted Elias later. "It was not as difficult as the semi-finals, but all I can say now is that I am going to celebrate in style!"

Elatmus, an 18-year-old from Cairo, reached the final against expectation after surviving testing encounters in the previous two rounds lasting 76 and 111 minutes (*final action, right*).

"I really understand that he was tired as he had a tough few matches before the final and I will also not say my victory was easy," added Elias. "He fought hard and tried his best, but I kept my composure and just focused on doing the basics right."

A first for Peru

The Peru star also added that his semi-final match against India's Kush Kumar was tougher than the final: "But I was carried by my fitness and all thanks to my dad and coach (Jose Manuel Elias) who put me through the paces."

Habiba Mohamed caused the event's biggest shock in the women's semi-finals when she ousted hot favourite Nour El Sherbini, the 18-year-old defending Champion bidding for a record fourth title.



Seemingly unaffected by this mighty 94-minute achievement, Mohamed battled back from a game down in the final to beat second-seeded compatriot Nouran Gohar 6-11, 11-2, 11-7, 11-6 in 44 minutes.

"I celebrated the win over Nour in the semi-finals - and winning the final is even a greater reward," said the new women's Champion later.



The happy winners display their silverware.

Men's final:

[1] Diego Elias (PER) bt [9/16] Omar Elatmas (EGY) 11-3, 11-2, 11-1.

Women's final:

[5/8] Habiba Mohamed Ahmed (EGY) bt [2] Nouran Gohar (EGY) 6-11, 11-2, 11-7, 11-6.

EGYPT WIN THIRD SUCCESSIVE WORLD JUNIOR TEAM TITLE



Egypt retained the WSF Men's World Junior Team Squash Championship title for the third time in a row after beating Pakistan 2/0 in the final of the biennial World Squash Federation Championship being staged at the Wanderers Sports Club in Windhoek, Namibia.

But the favourites (*pictured above*) were pushed all the way by the second seeds in the sixth successive final between two of the world's powerhouse squash nations - Egypt's eventual triumph equalling the five-title record of Australia, the event's first Champions in 1980.

Egyptian number one Omar Elatmas put the defending champions into the driving seat with a 12-10, 12-10, 6-11, 11-8 victory in 74 minutes over Tayyab Aslam. It was a repeat of the 18-year-old from Cairo's quarter-final upset over the top Pakistani junior in the preceding World Individual Championship - which ultimately led to Elatmas reaching the final, as a 9/16 seed.

With resounding cheers from the Egyptian bench, second-string Youssef Aboul-Makarim then twice repelled fightbacks by Syed Ali Mujtaba Shah Bokhari to beat his Pakistani opponent 11-7, 9-11, 11-3, 7-11, 11-9 in 62 minutes to clinch Egypt's historic 2/0 triumph.

Viva Espana!

Arguably, however, the event's heroes were Spain (*pictured below*). Seeded sixth and appearing in the championship for the first time since finishing in 20th place in 2008, Spain followed up their quarter-final upset over 4th seeds India by beating Malaysia, the fifth seeds, 2/0 in the play-off for third-place - thereby improving upon their previous best finish of fifth in 1998.



Four-time champions England made up for the shock of losing out on a semi-final place for the first time in the 34-year history of the event by securing fifth place - but the third seeds were taken the full distance before overcoming India 2/1.

FINAL PLACINGS

Final:

[1] EGYPT bt [2] PAKISTAN 2/0

Omar Elatmas bt Tayyab Aslam 12-10, 12-10, 6-11, 11-8, Youssef Aboul-Makarim bt Syed Ali Mujtaba Shah Bokhari 11-7, 9-11, 11-3, 7-11, 11-9.

3rd place play-off:

[6] SPAIN bt [5] MALAYSIA 2/0

Edmon Lopez Moller bt Mohd Syafiq Kamal 11-7, 11-9, 11-7, Iker Pajares Bernabeu bt Eain Yow Ng 11-5, 11-9, 11-6.

5th place play-off:

[3] ENGLAND bt [4] INDIA 2/1

George Parker bt Kush Kumar 6-11, 11-8, 5-11, 11-6, 11-5, Lyell Fuller lost to Madhav Dhingra 11-2, 7-11, 9-11, 11-13, Patrick Rooney bt Velavan Senthilkumar 6-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-3, 11-8.

7th place play-off:

[8] IRELAND bt [7] FINLAND 2/0

Michael Craig bt Jami Aijanen 11-7, 11-2, 11-5, David Ryan bt Kristian Rautiainen 8-11, 11-9, 11-3, 7-11, 11-7.

9th place play-off:

[12] USA bt [11] ISRAEL 2/1

Mason Ripka lost to Daniel Poleschuk 4-11, 4-11, 5-11, Timothy Robert Brownell bt Roe Avraham 11-6, 11-13, 11-7, 11-8 (56m), Max D Reed bt Noam Peer 9-11, 11-6, 11-2, 11-6 (38m)

11th place play-off:

[13/15] FRANCE bt [9] COLOMBIA 2/1

Auguste Dussourd bt Andres Felipe Herrera 9-11, 9-11, 11-8, 14-12, 11-6 (63m), Enzo Corigliano lost to Dairo Sandoval 11-8, 6-11 dsq, Lucas Rousselet bt Nicolas Valderrama 11-2, 3-11, 11-4, 11-7.

13th place play-off:

[10] CANADA bt [13/15] ARGENTINA 2/0

David Baillargeon bt Federico Cioffi 3-11, 11-5, 8-11, 11-9, 11-6, Carter Robitaille bt Franco Andres Romiglio 11-5, 11-3, 11-2.

15th place play-off:

[19/21] SWEDEN bt [16/18] KUWAIT w/o

17th place play-off:

[16/18] SOUTH AFRICA bt [16/18] NEW ZEALAND 2/1

Laurence Kuhn bt Scott Galloway 3-11, 12-10, 11-8, 13-11, Aubrey Lawrence lost to Luke Jones 11-2, 5-11, 11-6, 6-11, 11-13, Jean-Pierre van de Merwe bt Chapman Kutia 11-9, 9-11, 11-9, 9-11, 12-10.

19th place play-off:

[13/15] GERMANY bt [19/21] ZIMBABWE 2/0

Lucas Wirths bt Tafadzwa Mushunje 11-4, 11-0, 11-4, Niklas Becher bt Innocent Mukumba 11-2, 11-5, 11-1.

21st place play-off:

[19/21] GUATEMALA bt [22/23] NAMIBIA 2/0

Ricardo Toscano bt Michael van Lingen 12-10, 8-11, 11-4, 11-8, Qaini Bonilla bt Le Hugo van Rooyen 11-8, 11-4, 8-11, 11-4.

23rd place: [22/23] BOTSWANA

WORLD SQUASH DAY 2014: GO FOR IT!



Squash clubs all over the world will be celebrating World Squash Day on Saturday October 18th with a stimulating and varied programme of events. World Squash Day is sanctioned and supported by the World Squash

Federation, and gives clubs and federations the opportunity to promote the sport and add to the worldwide army of players in around 185 nations.

Building on success

World Squash Day founder Alan Thatcher said: "We aim to build on the incredible success of the recent Commonwealth Games in Scotland. Squash succeeded on so many levels, firstly with the outstanding quality of the play producing dramatic entertainment and outstanding TV coverage. Secondly, the squash events attracted thousands of spectators every day, and thirdly, a large proportion of those were newcomers to the sport who were absolutely entranced by their first taste of the sport.

We know that many of these spectators quickly found a local club and began taking lessons. That, in a nutshell, is what we aim to achieve on World Squash Day. Squash is a game for life, beginning with adventurous schools programmes attracting youngsters to the sport and culminating in a steadily-expanding tournament schedule for Masters players.

Universal Game

N Ramachandran, WSF President (*right*), said: "Squash is a universal game for life. Every nation enjoys different cultures and lifestyles, but squash has the ability to fit in with them all.

We are seeing significant growth in many parts of the world, which is reflected in a growing tournament calendar taking events to major cities in every continent.

As demonstrated in the Commonwealth Games, and will be shown in the forthcoming Asian Games and in other regional competitions such as the World Games, Pan-American Games and other championships, our leading athletes are wonderful role models for a growing population of squash players across the globe."

Further information from the WSD Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WorldSquashDay



HASHIM KHAN: RIP

Hashim Khan, a father figure of modern squash, died just a month after celebrating what was believed to be his 100th birthday. Born near Peshawar in Pakistan (possibly on 1 July 1914, but he never had a birth certificate), Khan led his country's pre-eminent status in the sport in the 20th century. In the 1950s he won a then record seven British Open titles - his first in 1951 at an age when most players retire.



He moved to the USA in the 1960s and died at his Colorado home. He had been based at the Denver Athletic Club and was still giving advice from the gallery after finally hanging up his rackets aged 93.

Sportsmanship and family

"The world just lost the greatest player of all time," Mo Khan, the youngest of Khan's 12 children told Pakistan News International. "He's going to be remembered for his sportsmanship and for what a wonderful man he was. He loved his family first and loved the game of squash and everyone that played the game. He was one of a kind."

World Squash Federation President N Ramachandran said upon hearing news of Hashim Khan's passing: "After a wonderfully long and active life we are now left with memories of a great Champion, a great man who has made a wonderful contribution to squash. Hashim's passing has taken somebody so special from us. As we remember him we send our condolences and best wishes to his family at this very sad time."



Hashim Khan seen here playing in the final of the British Open Vintage (65+) Final in 1985

COLOMBIAN PILOT PROGRAMME MALAYSIAN VISIT

Earlier this year Pablo Serna, the Colombian Squash Federation President, secured funding from the Colombian government via a Sports Diplomacy Programme to send a group of middle school students from the Squash Urbano Colombia pilot programme in Cartagena to Malaysia as part of a student exchange programme.



As Serna explained: 'The Sports Diplomacy program has been created by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to give opportunities through sports missions, to most vulnerable parts of the Colombian society, especially not to be recruited by groups, or be part of delinquency bands. We joined forces with

the Ministry in order to give these kids an opportunity that will change their lives through sport, especially here by Squash'.



August saw the students in Malaysia touring the country, playing squash, and meeting Malaysian students and government officials. For all of the students it was their first time flying!

'I have been pushing hard since January to make this mission a reality, that has finally been carried simultaneously through a big squash event, both male and women, and they had the opportunity to meet some of the greatest squash players around the globe, at the same time visiting such a new culture' added Serna.

Next January the Squash Urbano Colombia starts fully, led by coach Esteban Espinal.

The photo shows the students with Malaysian world number one Nicol David.

WORLD CUP POSTPONED

The WSF World Cup, intended to have been played in Egypt in December, has been re-scheduled, with the Women's World Championship (*see right*) taking the dates. Because there was a small entry the general plans for the World Cup will be reviewed before future arrangements will be put in place.

WSA STRIKE THREE YEAR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DEAL



The Women's Squash Association (WSA) has finalised a major long-term agreement with Hallmark Events Group to stage the Women's World Squash Championships in 2014, 2015 and 2016 - and guarantee a total prize-fund in excess of US\$ 500,000.

The 2014 Championship will be staged from December 12-19 (venue to be confirmed) and will be held as the last event of the year on the WSA World Tour in 2015 and 2016 as well.

Total player compensation will rise from US\$ 150,000 in 2014, to US\$ 175,000 in 2015, before reaching a record US\$ 215,000 in 2016.

"We are delighted to have secured the Women's World Championships for the next three years," said WSA President Kasey Brown (*right*). "The increase in prize money levels is not only fantastic news for the players, but also a prime example of the growth the WSA World Tour is experiencing.



"We are excited to collaborate with Hallmark and work together to showcase the finest women's squash has to offer at our premier event."

Iconic venues included

Hallmark Events Group Founder and Managing Director Simon Arnold stated that Hallmark is equally thrilled to reach a long-term arrangement with the WSA in conjunction with the World Squash Federation (WSF). "We're looking forward to working with the WSA to continue to grow the Women's World Championship as the pinnacle event on the WSA World Tour.

"Our plans for the Championship include iconic venues, new sponsors and greater fan engagement."

England's reigning World Champion Laura Massaro will be looking to defend her title in December, while Malaysia's world No1 Nicol David will also be eager to extend her seven-title record.

WSF EYEWEAR POSTERS

To help promote awareness of eye protection, don't forget that the scalable-poster is available that can be downloaded by centres and placed on court doors, notice boards or in changing rooms.

It can be found at:

www.worldsquash.org/ws/resources/eyewear-poster

SQUASH CELEBRATES GOLDEN GLASGOW GAMES



Packed and exuberant crowds throughout the 11 days of action in the 2014 Commonwealth Games - a significant percentage of whom were watching Squash action for the first time - characterised an overwhelming success for the sport at Glasgow 2014.

An estimated 35,000 followed five days of singles action and six days of doubles action on a spectacular state-of-the-art ASB ShowGlassCourt (pictured above) at the Scotstoun Sports Campus in Scotland's largest city.



Women's Singles medalists.

Nick Matthew (England) and Nicol David (Malaysia) made history by becoming the first Champions to retain their gold medals in the singles events - then India also claimed a place in squash history by securing the country's first ever Games medal when Joshana Chinappa and Dipika Pallikal won the Women's Doubles gold against the odds.



Men's Singles medalists

Doubles Delight

Doubles was also a huge success, benefitting from the wider court and lowered tin (down to 33mm / 13") since the last Games in Delhi. Matches were shorter and more fast paced, with exciting and entertaining encounters on the Scotstoun new legacy courts and the showcourt.



As President Ramachandran commented: 'The WSF intention was to make changes so that Doubles would be short, sharp, vibrant entertainment, and all the positive response to the doubles events at the Commonwealth Games indicate that we succeeded in that. We hope that

this will lead to a stimulus for more pairs events to be held around the world in the future'.

Palmer Pleasure



Mixed Doubles medalists

Veteran David Palmer rounded off the entire Games programme by clinching double gold for Australia after winning the Men's and Mixed Doubles titles (with Cameron Pilley and Rachael Grinham, respectively).

Palmer's incredible success not only took his Games medal tally to a record eight since 2002 - and the 38-year-old's first gold - but also lifted Australia to the top of the Squash medals table, ahead of second-placed England who boasted a best-ever nine medals, including a clean sweep of the silvers!



Women's Doubles medalists

Squash is proud of its record of innovation and presentation, and the Commonwealth Games organisers in Glasgow have continued to raise the bar in this area," exclaimed World Squash Federation President N Ramachandran. "Superb staging, the most wonderful atmosphere from enormous numbers of spectators and great broadcast.

"We salute and thank the players, referees, the audience and the organisers - everybody involved who has made the Games so memorable."

A Million Switched On

In addition to the record spectator attendances and worldwide TV output, BBC TV also revealed that a peak domestic television audience of one million viewers tuned in to BBC1 to watch Matthew and David claim gold in the singles finals.



Men's Doubles medalists

Some 12 hours after being the Team England flag-bearer at the Opening Ceremony - one of four squash players to perform such a high-profile role - Nick Matthew had first-hand experience of the sensational Scotstoun crowd.

"It was just so good to come out to such an amazing response - it's more like a finals crowd than a first round," said the world No2. "I've had a long career and played in some amazing venues, but never experienced a first round crowd like that."

Men's singles silver medallist James Willstrop added: "The atmosphere here was unbelievable. It's great for the game and it's wonderful to be involved - I'm trying to soak up every minute.

"It doesn't come any better than this - it's quite exceptional what Glasgow has been doing."

Great showcase, says Prince Albert

One enthusiastic spectator in Glasgow was Prince Albert of Monaco: "Squash is a great sport - it's made major progress in the last few years. It's much more spectator-friendly," said the IOC Member. "This has been a great showcase for the sport, the level of play was outstanding."

Twitter was a platform from which numerous sports luminaries expressed their new-found enthusiasm for Squash: "Squash has always been a great sport to play, and these days it's very good to watch. Should be an Olympic sport," tweeted England football hero Gary Lineker.

Olympic decathlon gold medallist Daley Thompson said: "Women's squash final. Nicol and Laura both warriors and brilliant ambassadors for the game. The Olympics needs Nicol, Laura, Nick, James - in fact Squash"

Final Squash Medals Table

Position	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Australia	2	0	1	3
2	England	1	5	3	9
3=	India	1	0	0	1
3=	Malaysia	1	0	0	1
5	New Zealand	0	0	1	1

YOUNG AMBASSADOR IN NANJING

Paraguayan Nicolas Caballero (aged 19) who was appointed Young Olympic Ambassador by his country early this year has now returned from the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Nanjing, China.



There he met IOC President Thomas Bach (both pictured left) as did more than 60 of the Young Ambassadors and reports: "He asked me about the squash in our region and I explained it is

growing globally and in our continent too, with a better male and female pro tour, also new courts been built, specially mentioned the new public centres like ones in Paraguay or Colombia for example.

I asked him if he likes squash, and how real are the chances for the squash to be an Olympic Sport. He said to me that he knows and likes the squash, and he already put all of his effort to include squash into the Olympic Program (Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games)".

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Ontario Government, through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport, has awarded \$150,000.00 in financial support towards the 2014 Women's World Teams Squash Championship – this in addition to the Federal grant already received.

The Championship will take place December 1-6th in the Mark Sachvie Squash Centre at White Oaks Resort & Spa, Niagara-on-the-Lake and feature top women players from all continents representing 20 different countries. It will be the first time in over 30 years that Ontario has played host to such a prestigious world class event, and it will be run by Squash Canada, with Lolly Gillen acting as Chair, and Danny DaCosta the Championship Director.

In a statement, The Honorable Michael Coteau, Minister of Tourism, Culture & Sport as well as the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games said, "Ontario is proud to support the 2014 Women's World Team Championships through our International Amateur Sport Hosting program – part of *Celebrate Ontario*. By supporting international sport events, our government is strengthening local economies and providing opportunities for Ontario athletes to compete at home."

Where the action unfolds

White Oaks Resort & Spa in Niagara is the ultimate hotel and leisure destination. It boasts 220 rooms.

The resort features an award winning restaurant, an internationally recognized Spa, and a superb racquet and fitness facility, minutes away from the old town, the Falls, shopping, attractions, theatre and of course wineries.

Rated a Four Diamond, Five Star resort White Oaks has achieved a reputation for outstanding comfort and service.

For Championship information and tickets: www.wsfwomensteams.com.

TENDER DEADLINES

The deadline for receipt for World Championships tenders is 31st December two years ahead of the event year i.e. for 2017 events (e.g. World Men's Teams and World Juniors) is 31st December this year.

The opportunity to host the World Juniors 2016 is still available. Interested members should contact the WSF immediately for details.



IAN ALLANACH RETIRES

Former WSF Referee and most recently a refereeing assessor and mentor, Ian Allanach retired after completing his assessing duties at the Commonwealth Games in his home country of Scotland. As he commented, "When better to retire than after an extremely successful home event?"



Ian is a retired schoolteacher who began squash officiating when his two daughters attended weekend junior events throughout Scotland. 'It helped to pass the time', he says. Teacher intuition meant that he was quick to defuse indiscipline on the court, an ability which was noticed early and which has stood him in good stead over the years. Mentored by Mike Fitchett and Jack Flynn, he quickly rose through the Scottish Squash gradings to become firstly an International Referee, then a World Referee and Assessor.

He has co prepared and presented two WSF Refereeing Conferences and led refereeing seminar events in Canada, Europe, Australia and Guatemala. He has been one of the refereeing representatives in the WSF Ambassador Programme and again fronted seminars in Riga, Panama City and Caracas.

Highlights?

Highlights, he mentions include refereeing at three World Women's Open finals, three Commonwealth Games doubles gold medal matches, finals in Mumbai, Hong Kong, Kuwait, Cairo and Bermuda.

Approximately three years ago he retired from "active" refereeing at World level. Asked to continue as an Assessor, he agreed but set a timescale of three further years after which he believed it would be appropriate to retire. That time has now come. That it coincided with Glasgow 2014 was fortuitous, but coming at any time was unfortunate for squash as losing his insight, experience and wry humour is a disappointment felt by the whole refereeing community.

After great service to refereeing over many years Ian will have more time for cricket, cycling, cooking - 'best use of a chemistry degree I know', he says - and a first grandchild, due later this month.

Having assisted on the WSF committee which restructured the singles rules, his last administrative act is to complete the review of the doubles rules, prior to release.

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MAGNIFICENT MASTERS IN HONG KONG

While Australia swept the board with 17 medals - seven of them gold - on the final day of action in the WSF World Masters Squash Championships in Hong Kong, it was South African Craig van der Wath, England's Averil Murphy and Australian Geoffrey Davenport who stole the headlines after winning record fifth titles.

More than 750 players from all corners of the globe have been competing in 18 World Masters events - from Men's and Women's Over-35 through to Men's Over-80 categories - with action split between the Hong Kong Squash Centre and Football Club.

Van der Wath, a 48-year-old former world No31 who won his first World Masters title in 2001, successfully defended his Over-45 crown by beating fellow countryman Michael Tootill, the No2 seed, 13-11, 11-4, 11-5 in the 32-minutes final.

Davenport Delight

Davenport began his successful Masters run in 2003, winning the first of two Over-45 titles. Over seven rounds of the Over-55 Championship, the 56-year-old from Sydney dropped just a single game before brushing aside compatriot Kelvin Smith 11-1, 11-5, 11-9 in 21 minutes in the final.

But it was back in 1989 that Averil Murphy started stocking her trophy cabinet with World Masters gold medals after winning the Women's Over-40 title. 25 years on and the 66-year-old from Essex still has what it takes.



Selections of winners.

Murphy justified her top billing by dismissing France's 3/4 seed Claire Bryars 11-8, 11-9, 11-1 in just 15 minutes to win her fifth title in a fourth age category.

Family Affair

Mother and daughter Grainger pulled off their anticipated family double when World Masters' debutante Natalie Grainger clinched the Women's Over-35 title and true event veteran Jean Grainger, the distinguished 71-year-old South African, picked up her fourth World title with victory in the Women's Over-70 championship (*Natalie, Jean and Chris Grainger pictured*).



But while 37-year-old 'youngster' Natalie, representing the USA, grabbed her title after just a single game when second-seeded Australian Melissa Martin was forced to retire through injury, Jean was taken the full distance in her final before prevailing 13-11, 9-11, 11-9, 7-11, 11-5 over compatriot Sheena Worwood.

Brett Beaten

Five-time World Open Champion Sarah Fitz-Gerald came out on top in the Women's Over-45 event, beating fellow Australian Sarah Nelson 11-9, 11-2, 11-1 in 17 minutes. The Bronze medal went to unseeded Susan Davis in the only event in which one country claimed a clean sweep of the medals.



After Melissa's misery in the Women's Over-35 final, there was further disappointment for the Martin family when husband Brett Martin (*left, with Peter Hill*), top seed in the Men's Over-50 event, went down to second seed Willie Hosey, the defending Champion from Ireland, 11-9, 11-6, 13-11.

The biggest surprise of the day came in the Women's Over-50 final when Australia's 5/8 seed Sue Hillier became the lowest seed to claim gold when she upset South African top seed Leora Greenwood 11-2, 11-4, 11-3.

Australia also benefited from a significant upset in the Women's Over-55 final where 3/4 seed Mary Sceney defeated top-seeded compatriot Anne Richards 5-11, 11-8, 11-6, 11-3 to win her first World Masters title since Over-40 success in 2001.

Men's Finals:

Over-35: [1] Omar Elborolossy (EGY) bt [2] Morten W Sorensen (DEN) 11-8, 11-8, 11-7. Bronze medal play-off: [5/8] Armin Hameed (GER) bt [3/4] Mick Biggs (ENG) 13-11, 7-11, 2-11, 11-9, 13-11. **Over-40:** [1] Craig Rowland (AUS) bt [5/8] Zuko Kubukeli (RSA) 11-4, 11-13, 11-2, 11-4. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Stephen Cooke (NED) bt [2] Craig Wapnick (RSA) 11-9, 11-5, 11-9. **Over-45:** [1] Craig van der Wath (RSA) bt [2] Michael Tootill (RSA) 13-11, 11-4, 11-5. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Jean-Jacques Pineau (FRA) bt [5/8] Predi Fritsche (GER) 11-9, 11-8, 11-9. **Over-50:** [2] Willie Hosey (IRL) bt [1] Brett Martin (AUS) 11-9, 11-6, 13-11. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Peter Hill (HKG) bt [5/8] Jonathan Clark (ENG) w/o. **Over-55:** [1] Geoffrey Davenport (AUS) bt [5/8] Kelvin Smith (AUS) 11-1, 11-5, 11-9. Bronze medal play-off: [2] Zainal Abidin (SIN) bt Dave Fuller (AUS) 11-5, 11-3, 11-8. **Over-60:** [1] John Macrury (CAY) bt [3/4] Johnny Orsmond (RSA) 11-7, 9-11, 11-5, 5-11, 11-7. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Stuart Hardy (ENG) bt [2] Peter Alexander (ENG) w/o. **Over-65:** [1] Brian Cook (AUS) bt [3/4] Frikkie Bester (RSA) 10-12, 7-11, 11-6, 11-8, 14-12. Bronze medal play-off: Scotch Gibb (RSA) bt [3/4] Chris Grainger (RSA) 11-7, 8-11, 14-12, 11-5. **Over-70:** [1] Adrian Wright (ENG) bt [2] Gerry Poulton (CAN) 11-8, 11-13, 11-5, 6-11, 12-10. Bronze medal play-off: Voon L Chan (CAN) bt [3/4] Ted Vale (AUS) 6-11, 11-5, 11-9, 11-5. **Over-75:** [3/4] Michael Gough (USA) bt [5/8] Malcolm Gilham (ENG) 11-8, 11-8, 8-11, 11-3. Bronze medal play-off: [1] Brian Phillips (WAL) bt [2] Barry Gardiner (NZL) 9-11, 11-6, 11-4, 6-11, 11-7. **Over-80:** [2] Trevor Coulter (NZL) bt [1] John Cox (ENG) 11-8, 11-5, 11-7. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Eddie Delahunty (NZL) bt [3/4] Erkki Juslen (FIN) 11-2, 11-1, 12-10.

Women's Finals:

Over-35: [1] Natalie Grainger (USA) bt [2] Melissa Martin (AUS) 11-4 ret. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Farrah Fenner (RSA) bt [3/4] Sam Herbert (RSA) 11-9, 11-5, 11-6. **Over-40:** [1] Amanda Hopps (AUS) bt [3/4] Becky Clarke (NZL) 11-4, 13-11, 11-7. Bronze medal play-off: [5/8] Lisa Cowlard (NZL) bt [2] Karen Meakins (BAR) 8-11, 11-7, 11-6, 11-5. **Over-45:** [1] Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS) bt [2] Sarah Nelson (AUS) 11-9, 11-2, 11-1. Bronze medal play-off: Susan Davis (AUS) bt [3/4] Diana Parums (ENG) 11-6, 11-4, 11-5. **Over-50:** [5/8] Sue Hillier (AUS) bt [1] Leora Greenwood (RSA) 11-2, 11-4, 11-3. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Susan Williams (AUS) bt [3/4] Kathryn McKay (NZL) 11-5, 11-5, 12-10. **Over-55:** [3/4] Mary Sceney (AUS) bt [1] Anne Richards (AUS) 5-11, 11-8, 11-6, 11-3. Bronze medal play-off: [2] Lisa O'Grady (RSA) bt [3/4] Karen Hume (ENG) 9-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-6. **Over-60:** [2] Pauline Douglas (SCO) bt [1] Sue Volkze (AUS) 11-9, 11-3, 11-2. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Gaye Mitchell (AUS) bt [3/4] Freda Walker (NZL) 11-2, 11-5, 11-8. **Over-65:** [1] Averil Murphy (ENG) bt [3/4] Claire Bryars (FRA) 11-8, 11-9, 11-1. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Marilyn Kennedy (AUS) bt [2] Bett Dryhurst (ENG) w/o. **Over-70:** [1] Jean Grainger (RSA) bt [3/4] Sheena Worwood (RSA) 13-11, 9-11, 11-9, 7-11, 11-5. Bronze medal play-off: Norma Fulling (ENG) bt Dawn Kaiser (RSA) 11-5, 11-4, 11-8.



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In an exclusive interview with Rod Gilmour, world no.1 Gregory Gauthier reveals how he has finally found inner calm and that he is now ready for another tilt at that elusive first world title.

Also, Richard Eaton investigates professional squash's latest attempt to improve its image and make it more watchable.

For these features and more, please click here: <http://www.squashplayer.co.uk/features/features.htm>

COURT CORNER

LED flood light technology



As a squash first, Courtwall fitted an all glass court with this new generation of lights for the Namibian Squash Association court used for the 2014 Junior World Championships in Windhoek earlier this month. The

Courtwall LED lights can be switched on and off instantly, and reduce energy consumption by 60%. LED, which avoids the use of halogen,

Founder, Owner and CEO of Courtwall International, Wolfgang Denk explained: 'Existing all glass court light systems can be upgraded with the new Courtwall LED system easily and in future customers can choose between both systems'.

ASB Launches Court

ASB, the Pioneering German manufacturer has taken a major step forward in squash court design with the launch of its revolutionary new ASB PermanentGlassCourt in Hong Kong.

Three ASB PermanentGlassCourts have been installed at the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) where more than 750 players competed in the WSF World Masters Squash Championships.

The new ASB PermanentGlassCourt is the maintenance-free squash court - which boasts almost the same playing characteristics of the world-famous ASB ShowGlassCourt, as used recently at the 2013 PSA World Championship in Manchester, England, and which was the focus of the Squash competition at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Scotland.

The court walls are made from white coated glass with a high quality matt finish. The glass is non see-through and, thanks to the matt finish, shows no reflections. The new walls can be cleaned with common glass cleaning products and ball marks are removed



at a stroke.

The glass panels can be mounted onto a steel or an all-glass structure

and offer the same playing characteristics as the world's most used event court, the ASB ShowGlassCourt.

THE CALL – REFEREE AND PLAYER RESOURCE

The Professional Squash Association, with the full support of the World Squash Federation, has developed a web-based TV channel with the aim of bringing the World Squash singles rules to life.

The examples of the interpretation of the rules shown on The CALL aim to help improve the flow of matches while most importantly developing a consistent interpretation and application of the rules around the world.

The channel is accessible to anyone who wants to view it in order to see how the game is being interpreted at the PSA level. The overriding goal is of course to improve the flow of the game at all levels.

On the home page there are the most recent activities, under "Headlines" popular collections and videos are featured which can be clicked to go directly to the relevant video clips. Alternatively, a click on "Collections", takes you to each rule and provides a description of the rule, or click "Explore" which leads to all of the videos which are appropriately tagged.

The CALL is an ongoing project and videos will be continually added, changed and adapted as determined by consensus.

View the channel via the Referee section of www.worldsquash.org.

WSF COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE NEWS

2014 Presentations uploaded

For everybody who missed the highly successful WSF World Coaching And Development Conference in Poland, the presentations can be viewed on the WSF Website at the following link:

<http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/coaching-development/2014-coaching-conference-materials>

2016 Conference

Any member nation that is interested in hosting the 2016 Conference should contact the WSF office for details.

CERTIFIED EYEWEAR BRANDS 2014

The following brands have passed national safety standards and, having applied for WSF Certified listing, are the only brands permitted for use in WSF, Regional and many national junior events.

When buying new products, look for the WSF Certified Tested logo. Brands that become certified will be added to the WSF website and featured in Instant Updates.

BRAND NAME	APPROVED MODEL
	Turbo (AC 114) Turbo Junior (AC 114 Jr) Lasers (AC 111) Sight Guard (AC 112) Kona (AC 119) Kona Junior (AC 119 Jr) Lynx (AC 122) Stiletto (AC 620)
	Dunlop I-ARMOR
	Grays GT Eyewear
	i-Mask
	2500 (9903 Jnr) Pro 3000 (R43)
	Rage (9903V) Rage Junior (9903JR) Prolite (RB10C) Speed (R601) Attitude (PRO2) Shark (R43) Marvel (SE-7)
	Mantis Protective Eyewear
	Rage (9903V) Rage Junior (9903JR) Prolite (RB10C) Speed (R601) Attitude (Pro2)
	R615

WSF APPROVED BALLS



PSA Partnership

PSA have secured a new four-year agreement with performance footwear and apparel manufacturer Salming Sports, that will see the Swedish brand become the PSA's Official Clothing & Shoe Partner.

MASTERS PLAYERS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO....



The next target for a number of the squash players who enjoyed the World Masters in Hong Kong may be one or both of the forthcoming multi-sport Masters Games.

First is the European Masters Games, which takes place in the South of France at the city of Nice between 1 – 15 October 2015 and is expected to feature 10,000 Masters players competing in 27 sports. Details at: <http://nice.fr/Sport-loisirs/European-Masters-Games-2015>



Then in 2017, 21 – 30 April to be exact, the World Masters Games is going to Auckland, New Zealand. With more athletes than the Olympics, the World Masters Games is the single biggest multi-sport event on earth. If

you want to be one of the 25,000 athletes expected, go to: <http://www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz/> for details.

Both events are run under the auspices of the IMGA (International Masters Games Association).

GETTING STARTED



OLIVER Following on from the production of a WSF eye protection poster, WSF has now developed a 'Getting Started' poster with support from Oliver that we are sure that centres will find useful when placed on court doors, notice boards or in changing rooms. It will be a reference that players who are 'getting started' can use for their playing and general rule uncertainties.

To download it, go to the link on the WSF website: <http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Getting-Started-Poster.pdf>

It can also be produced in other languages. If you wish to translate it and add a national federation logo, please email Jasmine at the WSF office (jasmine@worldsquash.org) who can send the amendable version – this requires the InDesign programme to open it, which is widely used by designers and printers.

Squash On Commonwealth Games Stamps



The vivid stamps feature action illustrations from the sports of Swimming, Track Cycling, Squash, Judo, Netball and the Marathon which represents Athletics.

SPIN INFORMATION

For players, all players who wish to play in all World Individual and Team Championships, Regional Championships and World Junior Circuit events at all age levels will need to be registered. They will then be provided with their SPIN (Squash Player Identification Number), which stays with them for life.



For individual events where national federations enter their players they will do so using the SPIN of the players. Similarly, in those events where players enter themselves e.g. World Masters, they will do so using their SPIN.

For team events of all ages competing in World and Regional Championships, Member Nations will enter their teams into the event using the on-line system. Squad and Team submissions would also be made on-line.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

Any player, irrespective of age, can register themselves - or their federation can do so on their behalf - by completing the on-line registration form. They should also let their national federation know that they are doing so.

The current SPIN registration fee - paid on-line - is a once only lifetime fee of GBP10.00 (not annual).

Notes: Half of all the fees paid by the players (or Member Nations on their behalf) is split equally between the five Regional Federations to help fund development initiatives.

Tournament Planner software is used to take entries for National Junior Open events, with players at Under-19 level able to claim World Junior Circuit ranking points.

WHERE DO PLAYERS REGISTER?

Simply go to www.worldsquash.org/spin

MEMBER NATION LOGIN

Separately, all WSF Member Nations have their login so that they can view all registrations from their country, enter WSF Championships and do so for WSF individual events.



Is this poster for the recent Rancho Squash Open, Quito, Ecuador the best of the year so far?

MOMEN MAKES MOVE

Tarek Momen, the 26-year-old Egyptian who reached the semi-final stage of the recent Hong Kong Squash Open, has broken into the top 10 for the first time in his career to occupy the No.9 slot in the September PSA World Tour Rankings.



Momen (*left*) has occupied a position in the top 15 since October 2012 but finally makes his breakthrough into the prestigious top 10 at the expense of compatriot Karim Darwish who's disappointing first round exit in Hong Kong sees him fall out of the top 10 for the first time since

October 2007.

Momen secured the three-position rise courtesy of an impressive run in Hong Kong which saw him dispatch first James Willstrop, the former World No.1 who drops one position in the September rankings after that defeat saw him fail to progress past the first round of a tour event since the 2006 World Championship, before getting the better of German national Champion Simon Rösner in a thrilling 3-2 encounter in the quarter-finals.

Hong Kong Open champion Mohamed Elshorbagy, the 23-year-old from Alexandria, Egypt, maintains his No.3 ranking but has closed the gap on current top two, while Ramy Ashour and Amr Shabana complete an unchanged top five.

Spain's highest ever ranked player Borja Golan leapfrogs Willstrop to occupy the No.6 ranking.

September top 20 (inc. points average):

1	Gregory Gaultier	FRA	1549.000
2	Nick Matthew	ENG	1368.500
3	Mohamed Elshorbagy	EGY	1336.500
4	Ramy Ashour	EGY	821.500
5	Amr Shabana	EGY	758.500
6	Borja Golan	ESP	660.455
7	James Willstrop	ENG	628.000
8	Peter Barker	ENG	523.000
9	Tarek Momen	EGY	474.545
10	Daryl Selby	ENG	468.182
11	Karim Darwish	EGY	463.000
12	Simon Rösner	GER	447.727
13	Miguel Angel Rodriguez	COL	411.000
14	Omar Mosaad	EGY	409.545
15	Laurens Jan Anjema	NED	314.500
16	Saurav Ghosal	IND	313.636
17	Marwan Elshorbagy	EGY	302.727
18	Karim Abdel Gawad	EGY	285.000
19	Mathieu Castagnet	FRA	282.000
20	Max Lee	HKG	270.000

EL TAYEB INTO TOP EIGHT

A remarkable 14-day run in which Nour El Tayeb reached two WSA World Series finals from 16th seed has seen the 21-year-old Egyptian leap a mighty 17 places to No8 in the September WSA Women's World Squash Rankings.



El Tayeb (*left*) swept through last month's CIMB Malaysian Open field in Kuala Lumpur - despatching the second, eighth and tenth seeds before falling to third-seeded Raneem El Welily in the final.

Days later in Hong Kong, the former World Junior Champion again ousted

England's World Champion Laura Massaro, and also the event's fourth and fifth seeds, before reaching the Hong Kong Open final for the first time. Here it was defending champion Nicol David that proved to be one hurdle too many to overcome.

David, who claimed a remarkable tenth successive title in Hong Kong - and a 75th WSA World Tour trophy at the same time - extends her lead at the top of the September rankings.

Massaro holds onto second place, whilst El Welily remains in third place, and New Zealander Joelle King - who is currently out-of-action while recovering from an Achilles rupture - stays at No4. US number one Amanda Sobhy also has much to celebrate after jumping five places to make her debut in the world top 10 at 10.

September top 20 (inc. points average):

1	Nicol David	MAS	3,666
2	Laura Massaro	ENG	2,310
3	Raneem El Welily	EGY	2,030
4	Joelle King	NZL	1,171
5	Camille Serme	FRA	1,091
6	Alison Waters	ENG	1,026
7	Low Wee Wern	MAS	970
8	Nour El Tayeb	EGY	944
9	Nour El Sherbini	EGY	906
10	Amanda Sobhy	USA	806
11	Annie Au	HKG	795
12	Dipika Pallikal	IND	750
13	Madeline Perry	IRL	691
14	Omneya Abdel Kawy	EGY	647
15	Rachael Grinham	AUS	619
16	Jenny Duncalf	ENG	591
17	Sarah-Jane Perry	ENG	570
18	Kasey Brown	AUS	509
19	Sarah Kippax	ENG	465
20	Emma Beddoes	ENG	463

HONG KONG'S NEW COURT

David Mui, MH, JP, Chairman of Hong Kong Squash was delighted to receive a brand new state-of-the-art ASB ShowGlassCourt with the latest design and features including side-door entry for the final rounds of the Cathay Pacific Sun Hung Kai Financial Hong Kong Squash Open played last week.

It was made possible by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust who donated over 1.3 million Hong Kong Dollars to enable the purchase.



Seen here with David Mui is Ms. Rhoda Chan (Head of Charities Projects, The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

PROTECTED DATES 2015

In conjunction with WSA and PSA, next year there will again be designated protected dates when it is highly recommended that Regional and National Championships are held - allowing hosts more confidence when making arrangements; giving regions and nations certainty about player participation that is not possible at other times and players the opportunity to commit knowing that there will be no conflicting events.

The 2015 protected weeks are:

National championships: 7 days from second Monday in February and June

Regional championships: 7 days from the last Monday in April*

*Where there is regional agreement that one of the designated National Championship weeks is not used then an additional Regional Championship can be held then, of course.

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